GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF LPG CYLINDERS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly sale of refill cylinders in Tamil Nadu through various oil companies;

(b) the total number of LPG connections provided so far in Tamil Nadu by IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and IBP; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release the new LPG connections in Tamil Nadu and also to bridge the demand and supply of LPG in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The average monthly sale of refill cylinders by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the State of Tamil Nadu is about 42 Lakh cylinders per month.

(b): As on 1.1.2002, total customer strength with various distributors of OMCs in Tamil Nadu were as given below:

Name of Company	No. of Customers (in Lakh)
IOCL	37.47
HPCL	7.47
BPCL	15.09
IBP	0.65

(c): At present, LPG connections are available on demand in all the existing markets of the country including Tamil Nadu. The demand of LPG customers enrolled with OMCs in Tamil Nadu is being met by and large in full.